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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, received after the submission by the Secretary-General of the list of candidates in documents CRC/SP/21 and Add.1 and 2. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Mrs. Namirembe Gerard Bitamazire	Uganda
Mrs. Rita Félicité Sodjiedo*	Benin

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* Biographical data will be issued when received from the nominating Government.

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Namirembe Gerard Bitamazire (Uganda)

Sex	Female
Date of birth	17 July 1941
Marital status	Married
Profession	Public servant/politician

Education and training

M.Ed. (Educ.) Administration	1987	Makerere University
BA (Hons.) (Geography)	1963	Makerere University
Postgraduate Diploma in Education	1964	Makerere University

Career to date

1996	Member of Parliament	Directly elected representative for women in Mpigi district
1992 to date	President of National Association of Women Organizations in Uganda (NAWOU)	Administration/coordination of women organizations in Uganda
1981 to date	Deputy Chairman Teaching Service Commission of Uganda	Recruitment/appointment and general administration and management of the teaching staff in Uganda
1979-1980	Cabinet Minister of Education and Member of Parliament (NCC)	
1974-1979 (June)	Senior Education Officer	Responsible for administration of secondary schools
1971-1974	Principal, Tororo Girls Secondary School	Responsible for administration and management of a large girls' secondary school with 650 students, 30 teachers
1968-1974	Deputy Principal	Tororo Girls School
1964-1968	Secondary school teacher	Classroom teaching

Membership of boards, commissions, committees and associations

A list of membership of boards, commissions, committees and associations is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

International travels and conferences/ seminars/workshops

1995	Beijing, China	Fourth World Conference on Women (Leader of NGO delegation)
1995	Zimbabwe	Donor Collaboration for Sustainable Development in Africa
1995	India	The Empowerment of Women through Education
1994	Dakar, Senegal	African Region Women's Conference
1994	United Kingdom	YMCA World Council Meeting
1994	Zambia	Preparatory Consultations for Fourth World Conference on Women
1991	Hong Kong	Women in Work Force Development Trends
1991	Republic of Korea	Women in YMCA/YWCA World Council
1991	Kampala, Uganda	Africa Leaders Forum (International)
1991	Kampala, Uganda	Africa Leaders Forum
1990	Tanzania	Educational Administration in East and Central Africa: Policy Development and Analysis
1990	Geneva	YMCA Women Executive Committee Meeting
1989	Kampala, Uganda	First African Region Conference on Women's Reproductive Rights, elected the overall Conference chairperson
1988	Ghana and Nigeria	Study tour on comparative education for the Education Policy Review Commission
1987	Kampala, Uganda	Coordinated a national workshop on gender stereotyping in science, mathematics and technology education
1985	Kenya	United Nations Women Decade Conference Government delegate

1980	United States of America and Canada	Leader of government mission to the United States and Canada as Minister of Education
1980	Sri Lanka	Leader of delegation to Eighth Commonwealth Ministers' Conference
1980	Milan, Italy	Makerere University Donor's Conference to solicit aid for the University
1972-1974	Kenya and Tanzania	Regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the then East African Harbours
1970, Jan-July	United States of America	Study tour, sponsored by USAID, on education management

Consultancies

A list of consultancies is available for consultation in the Secretariat's files.

Conference papers
(only major ones listed)

Title of paper	Conference/seminar	Country	Year
"Women in development: a survey of women and girls' participation in Science, Mathematics and Technology education in Uganda"	Science Clinic, and Women in Science and Technology Education in Africa	Ghana	1989 Sept.
"The OAU Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights: the African woman and human rights"	UNESCO, African Regional Workshop	Uganda	
"Mother and Daughters in Uganda (A Study of Indigenous Education for Girls among the Baganda in Uganda"	YMCA World Aruba Alliance 11th Council Conference	The Caribbean	1988
"Women and girls' education and training in Uganda"	African Regional Workshop on Women and Girls' Education in Developing Countries	Kenya	1987
"Women and prostitution in Africa: the Uganda case"	UNESCO African Region Workshop on Prostitution in Africa	Brazzaville	1988

Title of paper	Conference/seminar	Country	Year
"Educational personnel management and administration: Decentralization of education personnel records in Uganda"	Commonwealth meeting on records keeping	Kampala	1989
"The legal framework of teacher management in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone: an overview"	Commonwealth Symposium on Teacher Management Support	Ghana	1995

Research and publications

1989 Awarded International Development Research Centre (IDRC) grant to conduct research on the occupational activities of female primary school leaders: five selected villages in Mpigi district (Uganda) Submitted January 1992

1964-1965 Conducted research and published an extended paper on "The geography of religion and politics in Uganda"

Languages

English (oral and written)
Luganda
Swahili (oral)
Runyoro, Rutoro (oral)

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains biographical data concerning Mrs. Rita Félicité Sodjiedo, whose candidacy was presented by the Republic of Benin in document CRC/SP/21/Add.3.

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Rita Félicité Sodjiedo (Republic of Benin)

I. CIVIL IDENTITY:

Born: 18 December 1955, in Cotonou, Benin

Civil Status: Married, mother of three children

Occupation: Magistrate, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Cotonou

Grade: Magistrate A1-9

II. DIPLOMAS:

1996: Diploma of advanced studies (DEA) in Human Rights at the Human Rights Institute - Catholic University of Lyon. Class: "Mention Assez Bien".

Special subjects:

- Law of Minorities

- Humanitarian law.

Memorandum on the Rights of the Child entitled: "Le Bénin d'hier et d'aujourd'hui face à la Convention relative aux droits de l'enfant" (Benin past and present and the Convention on the Rights of the Child).

1979: Master's Degree in Legal Sciences. Special subject: Business law and judicial careers. National University of Benin.

III. TRAINING:

1. Initial training course in magistracy:

16 April 1980 - 16 April 1981: Magistrate's training course at the Appeal Court of Cotonou.

2. Improvement courses:

- January-June 1985: Improvement course at the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature in Paris.

- September-October 1993: Specialization course on *Economic disputes*.

Course on the law of summons (Référés) (Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature, Paris).

3. Human Rights courses:

- July 1989: Human Rights course at the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva, (Switzerland).

- Human Rights course at the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg (France).

October 1996: Training seminar on the drafting and presentation of periodic reports, organized in Cotonou from 7 to 11 October 1996 by the Ministry for Legislation, Justice and Human Rights, the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva and UNICEF.

4. A list of further courses and training followed by the candidate may be consulted at the Secretariat.

IV. EXPERIENCE:

1. Professional experience:

Since 18 March 1992: Judge at the Court of Appeal at Cotonou.

September 1990 - March 1992: Magistrate for Social Affairs at the Court of First Instance of Cotonou.

January 1989 - September 1990: Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of Appeal of Cotonou.

February 1984 - December 1988: Senior Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance of Porto-Novo.

August 1982 - February 1984: Investigating Magistrate at the Court of First Instance of Ouidah.

April 1981 - August 1982: Serving with the Court of Appeal of Cotonou.

2. Other experience:

- Since August 1996: Member (Director) of the Governing Board of the International Office for Children's Rights, Montreal, Canada.

- Member of the Scientific Committee of the Institute for Human Rights and the Promotion of Democracy: Democracy on a day-to-day basis, Cotonou, Benin.

1995: Assistant Secretary-General to the Autonomous National Electoral Commission (CENA) (as representative of the Benin Human Rights Commission) for the legislative elections.

Since 1993: Lecturer at the Institute for Human Rights and the Promotion of Democracy: Democracy on a day-to-day basis. Subjects taught: Rights of the Child and Rights of Women.

1985-1990: Chaired several ad hoc (administrative) disciplinary committees.

3. Participation in seminars, study trips and other activities.

3.1 Simple participation:

List available at the Secretariat.

3.2 Participation with written contributions:

19-21 August 1996: *Les droits de l'enfant: Méthodologie et pédagogie de leur enseignement dans le milieu préscolaire et scolaire*, (the Rights of the Child: Methodology and pedagogy of children's education in a preschool and school environment) at the Workshop-Seminar on the Application of article 40 of the Constitution on 11 December 1990, Institute for Human Rights and the Promotion of Democracy: Democracy on a day-to-day basis (IDH and DQ), Cotonou, Benin.

March 1996: *Reports on the Rights of the Child in Benin*, Regional Seminar on the Rights of the Child, organized by the International Commission of Jurists, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

20-22 November 1995: *The Rights of the Child: Human Rights for Children*, at the National Seminar on the Rights of the Child to life and a family and customary practices in Benin, Ecole Normale Intégrée de Parakou, organized by the DEI-Benin National Section of the l'Association Béninoise d'Assistance à l'enfant et à la famille, and the World Organization for Early Childhood Education.

11-14 December 1994: *La Communauté, instrument indispensable pour la surveillance* (The Community, indispensable monitoring instrument), at the European Conference on the Monitoring of Children's Rights, organized by the University of Gand, Belgium.

29-31 July 1992: *Droits de l'enfant et législation en matière d'adoption* (Rights of the Child and adoption legislation), at the National Seminar on "Adoption, a new chance for abandoned children", Centre d'Accueil et de Formation (CCAF), Porto-Novo, Benin. (Organizers: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Terre des Hommes Foundation, UNICEF).

22-24 April 1993: *La protection juridique et sociale de l'enfant au Bénin* (Legal and Social Protection of Children in Benin), at the Seminar on the Plan to set up Centres for the Legal and Social Defence of Children, organized by Defence for Children International and DEI-Benin, Centre Paul IV, Cotonou, Benin.

4. Lectures delivered:

June 1994: Lecture on the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* (for the public and officials), Ifangni, Benin, organized by the DRAVO NGO).

Lecture on the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* at the Seminar for the Training of rural organizing mothers, Porto-Novo, Benin (Organizers: DRAVO NGO).

Lecture on the *African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child*, Porto-Novo, Benin (at the request of the DRAVO NGO).

June 1992: Lecture on *The Rights of the Child*, Porto-Novo, Benin, organized by the DRAVO NGO.

9-27 March 1992: *Procedure for preparing legislation*

Initiatives for the defence of children's rights in Africa: the case of Benin

Seminar on "The Right to Development - Regional Programme of Training for Urban Organizers in French-speaking and Portuguese-speaking Africa", ENDA-Third World, Centre Paul IV, Cotonou, Benin.

September 1991: Lecture on *The Legal Protection of the Child*, Cotonou, Benin, organized by the National Section of Defence for Children International (DEI-Benin).

VI. SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS:

A list of the scientific associations to which the Candidate belongs may be consulted at the Secretariat.

VII. LANGUAGE SKILLS

1. National languages:

Spoken: Fon

Understood: Gun, Wémè, Mina.

2. International languages:

Spoken and written: French and English

Read: German.